

## **CITY OF ANNISTON**

**JUNE 15, 2015**

**5:30 P.M.**

- **INVOCATION**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- **STAFF ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

### **I. RECEIVE INFORMAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **Informal Public Comment – Speaker Protocol**

The City of Anniston believes that any member of the general public should be afforded the opportunity to address the City Council provided that designated rules are followed by the speaker. Any member of the public who wishes to address the City Council and offer public comment on items within the City Council's jurisdiction, may do so during the Informal Public Comment period of the meeting. However, no formal action will be taken on matters that are not part of the posted agenda. In order to ensure the opportunity for all those desiring to speak before the Council, there is no yielding of time to another speaker. This opportunity to address City Council may not be used to continue discussion on an agenda item that has already been held as a public hearing. Matters under negotiation, litigation, or related to personnel will not be discussed. If a member of the general public would like to address the City Council during the Informal Public Comment portion of the meeting, please respectfully indicate your desire to address the City Council when the Mayor solicits members of the general public to come forward and speak. You will be recognized by the Mayor and asked to come forward to the podium so that you can address the City Council in accordance with the rules outlined herein. Once the speaker has been recognized to speak, he/she will be given three (3) minutes to address the City Council. The speaker should not attempt to engage the City Council and/or Staff in a discussion/dialogue and the speaker should not ask specific questions with the expectation that an immediate answer will be provided as part of the three (3) minute time frame since that is not the intent of the Informal Public Comment period. If the speaker poses a question or makes a request of the City, the Mayor may refer the issue or request to the City Manager for follow up. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. The Mayor may rule out of order any Speaker who uses abusive or indecorous language, if the subject matter does not pertain to the City of Anniston, or if the Speaker(s) attempts to engage the City Council Members in a discussion or dialogue on issues. City Council shall not discuss non-agenda matters because it does not give the public adequate notice. Accordingly, City Council shall be limited to asking factual and clarifying questions of staff, and when appropriate, the Council may consider placing a matter on a future agenda. In addition, it is not reasonable to expect staff to respond to any of a variety of issues on which they may or may not be prepared to respond to on a moment's notice, so the City Manager may respond, or direct staff to respond at a later time.

## II. RECEIVE FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT

### **Formal Public Comment – City Council Agenda Protocol**

The City of Anniston has identified this portion of the meeting to allow individuals an opportunity to formally address the City Council on issues of importance. Anniston requires that individuals who desire to formally address City Council to submit a written request form outlining the subject matter that they intend to discuss so that they can be placed on an upcoming meeting agenda. Members of the public desiring to be placed on the agenda to present or address matters to the City Council must submit a formal **“REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA”** form to the Office of the City Manager at least 10 days prior to the requested City Council meeting date that you wish to speak. City Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month so the request must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on the Friday which constitutes 10 days prior. The request can be done in person, regular mail, fax or email and the speaker should obtain acknowledgement of the request from the City to demonstrate that the 10 day requirement has been met. The request form may be obtained from the Office of the City Manager or from the City’s website [www.anniston.al.gov](http://www.anniston.al.gov). The request should state the name of the individual(s) desiring to be heard and the subject matter to be presented to City Council. Requests may be referred, at the discretion of the City Manager, to appropriate staff for mediation prior to being placed on the public agenda. Please be advised that the mere completion of a request form does not entitle the speaker to be added to the agenda.

#### **(a) Board Confirmations**

- a. Bud Owsley – RMC Board
- b. Jeffrey Williams – Anniston Main Street Board

## III. CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING

### **Speaking to a Public Hearing Item**

In the interest of time and to ensure the fairness of all persons who appear before the City Council to speak for or against a public hearing item, speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes each to address City Council except as described herein. One speaker for the Petitioner may address the City Council for no more than 10 minutes, unless extended by the Mayor. In an effort help the City Council and the general public to better understand the issues, the Mayor may request that a City staff member address the City Council from the podium. Speakers from the general public may only speak when recognized by the Mayor during the public hearing. Speakers will be asked to come to the podium to address the City Council for three (3) minutes and they shall state their name and resident address for the record. Speakers addressing City Council on a public hearing item should coordinate comments in order to respect City Council’s time constraints. Groups should select a spokesperson to present the major points that summarize their position and opinions. Speakers are urged to be brief and non-repetitive with their comments. Comments shall specifically address the public hearing item before the City Council, and the speaker shall maintain appropriate tone and decorum when addressing the City Council. City Council may ask questions of the applicant, speakers, or staff during these proceedings only for the purpose of clarifying information. The speaker shall not direct derogatory comments to any individual, organization, or business. At the conclusion of the three (3) minute time period, the speaker will be notified that his/her time has elapsed and the next speaker will be recognized to come forward to the podium and address the City Council. Once the public hearing is closed on an item, there will be no further opportunity for formal or informal public input at a City Council meeting.

- #### **(a) To hear public comments regarding the cost report on the abatement of a public nuisance located at 1919 – 1921 Rocky Hollow Road.**

**IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

- (a) Resolution authorizing reimbursements to city officials for expenses incurred while traveling away from the city.
- (b) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. (Group 2015-02 Pools)
- (c) Resolution declaring a reported condition to be a public nuisance. (Group 2015-32 Grass Lots)
- (d) Resolution receiving and confirming a cost report on the abatement of a public nuisance.
- (e) Resolution accepting the resignation of a member of the Longleaf Botanical Gardens Board.
- (f) Resolution accepting the resignation of a member of the Anniston Downtown Development Authority.
- (g) Resolution appointing a member to the Regional Medical Center Board.
- (h) Resolution amending the Schedule of Nominations assigning and designating the positions on each Municipal Board, Commission and Authority to specific Ward Councilmembers and to the Office of the Mayor and appointing members to the Anniston Main Street Board.
- (i) Evaluation of bids for Nettles Park Improvements.

**VI. ORDINANCES**

- (a) Repealing Section 29.19 of The Code of Ordinances of the City of Anniston, Alabama.

**VII. RESOLUTIONS**

- (a) In support of Freedom Riders Park
- (b) Authorizing conveyance of Victoria Inn to Marsh Properties, Inc.

**VIII. MOTIONS**

- (a) To approve the concept plan for The Finial, aka The Victoria upon recommendation of a unanimous vote of the Anniston Planning Commission at its June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**IX. OTHER ADDITIONAL OR FURTHER MATTERS THAT MAY COME BEFORE COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**